

THE ARDABIL CARPET



The Ardabil carpet was initially made for the shrine of Safi al-Din Ardabili

The Ardabil Carpet was made between 1539-1540 C.E.

Its Artist thought to be Maqsum Kashani, which is inscribed on the carpet

The carpet itself is made out of silk and wool. It is primarily made out of wool because it holds dye better

The carpet gets its name from its name from the town of Ardabil in north-west Iran

The dyes used for the carpet came from pomegranate rind and indigo

The Ardabil carpet was highly detailed, having 340 knots per square inch. The average carpet has 80 – 160 knots per square inch.

Carpets like these were highly prized in this period of the Iranian Dynasty

The carpet is originally part of a matching pair that was situated side by side in the shrine

The Ardabil Carpet has four lines of inscription that help identify who commissioned it

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